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## Demographics/Facts

### Population:

46,433 (2005 CERC)

### Labor Force:

26,030 (2006 CT Dept. of Labor)

### Unemployment Rate:

3.6% (2006 CT. Dept. of Labor)

### Land area:

42 square miles

### Government:

Mayor, Common Council

### Population per square mile:

1,135 (2005 CERC)

### Median age:

38 (2005 CERC)

### Total Housing Units:

19,797 (2005 CERC)

### Median Household Income:

\$52,580 (2005 CERC)

### City Offices/Municipal Building

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## Welcome to Middletown

As Mayor of the City of Middletown, I welcome you to our city. This Economic Development Resource Guide is designed to introduce you to our city.

Middletown is a city rich in history and as vibrant today as it was when the city was founded over 350 years ago. Our corporate leaders include Aetna, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and Middlesex Mutual Assurance.

Middletown has big city resources from high tech medical services at Middlesex Hospital to top-rated education at Wesleyan University. The city includes an historic downtown full of restaurants known statewide, large parks and plenty of recreational opportunities.

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Middletown Planning, Conservation & Development Office are ready to assist you.

You will find that Middletown is a city that works for your business.

Come visit our city and see the opportunity. I look forward to meeting you in My Town - Middletown.

Sincerely,

Sebastian N. Giuliano  
Mayor

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## CITY & STATE RESOURCES

### Department of Planning, Conservation & Development

245 deKoven Drive, Suite 202  
Middletown, CT 06457  
860.344.3425  
www.middletownplanning.com

### Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce

860.347.6924  
393 Main Street  
Middletown, CT 06457  
www.middlesexchamber.com

### Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF)

30 New Park Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06110  
860.249.3800 • www.cedf.com

### Connecticut Small Business Development Center

860.346.0159  
www.business.uconn.edu

### Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC)

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# Economic Development

*"move forward" with Middletown*

Welcome to the Renaissance City on the Connecticut River, featuring the best of urban, suburban & rural New England all within 42 square miles. Within the last decade, Middletown has proven to be a city on the move, witnessing successful revitalization projects and strong growth in business and industry balanced by acquisition of over 1,700 acres of open space in the last 15 years.

Middletown has improved and capitalized on its strengths, including a beautiful and historic setting and a community bursting with creative energy and an entrepreneurial spirit. With a pro-business government balanced by sound land-use planning, the City of Middletown continues to grow in ways that will benefit its residents, employers, employees and visitors that continue to enhance your quality of life.



## A GLIMPSE OF WHAT MIDDLETOWN HAS TO OFFER

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- An attractive, revitalized Main Street showcasing boutique shopping, destination dining and four star lodging.
- Arts, culture & entertainment for all ages.
- A great environment for recreation from the Connecticut River to the trap rock ridges of the Metacomet trail with lots of open space and parklands.
- A city rich in history, fine architecture & cultural diversity.
- Home of top ranked Wesleyan University.

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- Middlesex Hospital became Connecticut's **FIRST Magnet Hospital** for Nursing Excellence in 2001 - only the 35th hospital in the US to earn the coveted Magnet award!
- A diverse economy with a concentration of finance, healthcare and engineering service firms. Aerospace, plastics and precision manufacturing are key industrial sectors.
- A labor force growth of 7.2% in the past 5 years with 1,534 new jobs created since 2001.
- Over one million square feet of commercial space constructed in Middletown in the last decade.

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- Future commercial/industrial projects will add almost 695,000 square feet of new space in 2006-2008.
- Strategically planned land-use carefully balances more than 2,000 acres of commercial/industrial-zoned land dedicated to residential use. Over 1,000 acres of open space purchased by the city in the last 15 years.
- 31% of the city's grand list is comprised of commercial and industrial uses.

Major Employers: Pratt & Whitney Aircraft • Aetna • Northeast Utilities • Aerospace Techniques • Wesleyan University  
CVH • Middlesex Hospital • Middlesex Mutual Assurance • Liberty Bank • Kaman Aerospace



## LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

Aptly named, Middletown is located in the center of Connecticut, just south of Hartford.

- **15 miles from Hartford**, 75 from Providence, 100 from New York City and 115 from Boston.
- **Direct access to Interstate Route 91 and Route 9**; Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDot) project is in the planning stage to reconstruct and improve Route 9 interchanges with Routes 66 and 17 and access to the riverfront and downtown business district.
- **The Arrigoni Bridge, connecting Middletown and Portland**, offers direct access to eastern Connecticut.
- **Local rail freight provided by Providence & Worcester Railroad.**
- **Located on the Connecticut River** with commercial barge transport and recreational boating.
- **Just 25 miles from Bradley International Airport**, 15 miles to Brainard Airport in Hartford and 25 miles to Tweed Airport in New Haven.
- **Local bus service through the Middletown Transit District**; intrastate service available through Connecticut Transit.

## UTILITIES

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Business 800.448.1008  
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## Business Development & Incentives

*Middletown Makes It Easy For Businesses To Succeed*



### Tax Abatement Program

Partial tax abatement program is available to new firms and existing Middletown businesses.

### REINVEST Loan Program

Low interest loans from the city's Economic Development Fund are available to commercial property owners and/or tenants for up to 50% of the construction costs of exterior and interior improvements.

### JOBS Loan Program

Loans from the city's CDBG Revolving Loan Fund are available to small businesses for improvements and working capital at a ratio of \$10,000 per new full-time low to moderate-income jobs created.

### Middletown's Enterprise Zone

Offered by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, this program offers eligible businesses an 80% five year local property tax abatement on real and personal property and a 25% ten year credit on the state corporate business tax.

### Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce

Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce has served the business community of Middlesex County since 1895 and has over 2,400 members. The Chamber has 14 County Divisions and 17 Business Councils.

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*With numerous projects in the works, Middletown continues to prove its a city truly "moving forward" into the future.*



## Making Great Progress In FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- **Roscommon Park:** The Flatley Corporation from Braintree, Massachusetts, is offering a 50-acre build-to-suit property just one-half mile from Interstate 91 and a 12-minute drive from Hartford. This campus-like setting off Industrial Park Road has all utilities in place. Future plans for Roscommon Park include from 70,000 to 300,000 square feet of offices, and a 400-room hotel and conference center.
- **Millenium Business Park:** M.F. DiScala & Company has begun construction on 85,000 square feet of office/warehouse space for XPEDX. Plans for the park include 750,000 square feet of office and industrial space.
- **Industrial Subdivisions:** Continued demand for industrial space along I-91 has spurred two developers to create new industrial subdivisions.
- **Kleen Energy, Inc.** is developing a \$250M gas-fired turbine power plant scheduled for completion in 2009.

- **Route 66 reconstruction** and the opening of the new Home Depot has attracted strong retail development interest including plans for several new shopping centers. A \$1M façade renovation of Middletown Plaza and CT Beverage Mart Plaza is adding 16,000 square feet of retail space.
- **Wesleyan University** continues its \$280M Campus Renewal Master Plan by constructing new classrooms, housing and a new University Center.
- **Middlesex Hospital** is proceeding with plans for a 35,000 square foot expansion of the Emergency Room and additional parking.



Rendering of the new emergency room expansion.

- **Saybrook Road Medical Corridor** continues to grow with the opening of two 40,000 square foot medical office buildings with an additional 30,000 square feet under construction.
- **Riverfront properties/South Cove Development:** Developers - SullivanHayes Companies, Northeast and Faison Enterprises are planning a \$200 million, 85-acre mixed use development, including several hundred housing units and 400,000 square feet of new retail and entertainment space along the Connecticut River. This project will connect the central business district with the riverfront area.
- **Downtown Developer:** The city has engaged Landmark Development to create a commercial development in the Central Business District.
- **Parking & Transportation:** The city is working to improve traffic management by creating and implementing a transportation and parking plan with \$18 million in Federal Transportation funds.





## Middletown's Renaissance

Middletown ranks #6 in the "Top Ten of New England Main Streets" – *Boston Globe*

In the last decade, Middletown's historic downtown has experienced a notable renaissance. With one of the widest main streets in the country, a wealth of historic architecture, a university campus within walking distance, a creative entrepreneurial base, and a pro-business government, Main Street and the surrounding business district was ripe for renewal. Today, Middletown's downtown boasts one of the lowest commercial vacancy rates in the state. On any given day or night, Main Street reveals a dynamic and diverse mix of people working, playing, shopping, dining, celebrating, entertaining, visiting, strolling, browsing, and surfing the web with free wifi and much more...

"Cities such as New Haven, West Hartford and Middletown are following the national lead of Dupont Circle in treasuring our peerless urban legacy and creating urban centers with a strong sense of place."

– *The Hartford Courant*

In 1999, the City completed construction of a \$10 million police headquarters on Main Street, which includes retail space leased to the popular First & Last Tavern. A 12-screen stadium-style theater also opened in the heart of downtown in 1999. In 2003, the Inn at Middletown—a 100-room New England hotel—opened its doors in the renovated historic National Guard Amory building on Main Street. Within the last eight years, over thirty-five new businesses have opened in the downtown area, providing hundreds of new jobs. The successful application of the Main Street program led to a successful referendum creating the Downtown Business District.



Middletown is a pro business city where businesses enjoy easy access to city officials and where they can get results.

*Ben Logan, Manager, Inn at Middletown*

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# Destination *Middletown*



Middletown has recently become a destination for adventurous diners, and the city's restaurants have garnered rave reviews from the critics. Middletown offers more than 100 eateries—32 are located in the Downtown Business District. Diners can sample cuisine from nine countries including Italy, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, India and the Middle East—in addition to cafes, bars, ice cream shops, an English tea room, a fruit market, a health food store, and a vegetarian restaurant. In the summer, many establishments offer al fresco dining with patio or sidewalk tables.

**Main Street's "Restaurant Row"**  
"...the small city of Middletown, Connecticut, packs more international flavor on its Main Street than places four times its size."

*Yankee Magazine, November, 2005*

"Middletown continues to surprise as it evolves into an interesting restaurant town with a wide choice of cuisines, consistently better than average food and the only known Tibetan restaurant in the state."

*New York Times, June, 2006*



## **The Historical North End**

The North End has historically been an area of affordable housing where each new wave of immigrants has settled. *The North End Redevelopment Project* focuses on this area with the goal of improving the housing stock. The City has selected two developers to take advantage of each other's strengths to turn around this neighborhood and bring it under improved management. The Greenwich-based Richman Group is the 13th largest owner of for-profit rental housing in the country. The Richman Group's \$22 million affordable rental project will build and manage 96 units divided between six structures on Ferry Street. Broad Park Development Corporation, a non-profit company based in Hartford, will develop the affordable homeownership on Ferry Street, Green Street and Rapallo Avenue of the North End. The initial phase will develop 12 homeownership units, with the possibility of two other phases that could bring the total homeownership up to 44 units.



Green Street Arts Center

## **North End Commercial Growth**

Main Street's commercial revitalization has grown to encompass the North End. The opening of the *Green Street Arts Center* has anchored the community and offered a cultural and creative center. Storefronts have been renovated, a community garden has sprouted, and new businesses have opened, such as Little Tibet's restaurant and home furnishings store.



**The Downtown Business District** offers numerous clothing stores, card & gift shops, jewelers, house & home shops, a music store, over 13 specialty shops, more than 35 places to eat (including italian, japanese, thai, tibetan, indian, mexican, vegetarian cuisine & more.) Also a dance hall, 12-screen movie theater, roller skating rink, kids museum, several fitness centers and studios.

The mission of the Downtown Business District is to “enhance the downtown through street beautification, public safety, marketing and business recruitment thus

making it a desirable destination for residents and visitors seeking business, shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities.” In 2005, the DBD debuted the Main Street Guides, “friendly personalities” whose job is to contribute to the warm and friendly environment in Middletown’s Business District.

These ‘ambassadors’ provide a clean environment by organizing and cleaning the kiosks and caring for the floral planters. The Guides offer hospitality and service to visitors on Main St., assist the public with information, make change for the parking meters, give directions and assist with dinner reservations and recommendations.

The Downtown Business District website, [www.middletowndowntown.com](http://www.middletowndowntown.com) features a shopping and dining guide for visitors, membership information, a member directory, real estate opportunities and special events including the popular Head of the Connecticut River Regatta and Main Street Car Cruise & Sock Hops. The DBD website also offers links to the City of Middletown and the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce making it easy to find out all you need to know about the City of Middletown!



*Car Cruise on Main Street Middletown-offers spectators a terrific display of hot rods, antique and muscle cars, accompanied by 50's and 60's music and refreshments. Car Cruise and Sock Hops, held in June and October, are sponsored by the Downtown Business District, The City of Middletown and the Over The Hill Gang Car Club's Eastern CT Chapter.*



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Middlesex County Historical Society

**1651** – Native American territory known as Mattabesett is settled by English families from Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor, who name the new community “Middletown” for its location halfway between Windsor and the mouth of the Connecticut River.

**Late 1600s** – Settlers gain more land from Native Americans (weakened by disease) and struggle to clear land, farm it, build houses and barns and defend against attack from local tribes.

**Early 1700s** – Now an important port, Middletown thrives on maritime trade between New England and the West Indies.

**Revolutionary War** – Middletown provides significant financial support, troops, naval assistance and supplies to the war effort.

**1784** – Maritime trade resumes after the war and Middletown incorporates as a city. The first local newspaper is published in 1785.

**Early 1800s** – Middletown loses international commerce to larger port cities such as Boston and New York during the European war with Napoleon.

**Mid-1800s** – Middletown economy shifts to manufacturing and again contributes significantly to the Civil War effort. Its many abolitionists and Underground Railroad “conductors” assist runaway slaves seeking freedom and help abolish slavery in Connecticut in 1848.

**1831**– Wesleyan University established; first high school opens in 1840; first hospital opens in 1868; Russell Library founded in 1875.

**By 1910** – Immigration slowly increases from the 1800s on. population growth increases more rapidly in the early 20th century with Irish Germans, Swedes, Italian, and Polish immigrants.

**Post-WWI years** – Middletown enjoys the abundant Roaring Twenties and with help from local manufacturers and government aid does not feel the impact of the Great Depression as hard as other parts of the country.

**1927, 1936 & 1938** – two great floods and a hurricane devastate the area with financial & property damage and loss of life.

**1936-38** – the Arrigoni Bridge is constructed, linking Middletown and Portland over the Connecticut River.

**WWII** – almost 4,000 Middletown resident serve overseas; women replace a large part of the workforce and the African American population grows as families move north seeking employment.

**1950s** – Route 9 is constructed and Pratt & Whitney Aircraft opens a factory in 1966.

**1960s** – Citizens participate in Civil Rights marches and demonstrations demanding equality, including a building takeover at Wesleyan University and rallies for integrated neighborhoods and public schools.

**1970s to present** – Middletown continues to grow in population and diversity, with an influx of Hispanics plus a growing number of immigrants from Southeast Asia.

*Facts acquired from the City of Middletown*





With more than 6 different historic districts, Middletown has a wealth of important and interesting architecture that spans its 350-year history.

**T**he Greater Middletown Preservation Trust has catalogued almost 60 historic residences and public buildings in the downtown area and on Wesleyan University campus. This list of structures ranges from numerous 18th-century residences to the 1930s-era Saint Sebastian's Church and illustrates the diversity and significance of Middletown's architectural heritage, and has an ongoing inventory of hundreds of historic residential, public and commercial properties. The city's Design Review and Preservation Board encourages high-quality design and respect for architectural history of the city; this advisory committee's goal is to preserve and promote the character and heritage of our neighborhoods and business areas.

*The Middletown Heritage Trail* (created by the Middlesex County Historical Society) provides a self-guided walking or bicycling tour featuring 20 of the city's historic land-



*Middletown strives to preserve and promote the character and heritage of its neighborhoods and business areas.*

marks. Illustrated panels at each site describe the historical significance and free brochures include maps leading to sites throughout the downtown area. Guided tours for groups are also available through the Historical Society for a small fee. Call 346-0746 to make an appointment.

**Middlesex County Historical Society**

"Dedicated to preserving the history of Middlesex County," the Middlesex County Historical Society provides educational programs for adults and children, opportunities

for genealogy research plus a museum with limited hours open to the public. The society and museum are located in the General Mansfield House, a restored 1810 Federal-style home in downtown Middletown, and features a Civil War exhibit; a virtual exhibit of immigrant voices from the various ethnic groups who settled Middletown; plus art, decorative arts, textiles, militaria, and photographs.

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## Wadsworth Mansion

In the early 1900's, the Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate was built as a 500-acre summer residence for Colonel Wadsworth and his family. In 1994, at the urging of local preservationists, the mansion was purchased by the City of Middletown. A \$5M restoration project began and in 1998 the grand classical structure and 100-acre grounds were returned to their former beauty and use as "center for ceremonial and cultural activity."

Today, the Mansion is rented as a gracious setting for weddings and parties, but it is also a venue for community events. The surrounding parklands and nature trails are open to the public daily. Each summer the Friends of Long Hill present a summer concert series on the South Lawn. An annual summer Open Air Market and Festival is held in August, featuring the wares of local artists and artisans, vendors of local produce and other agricultural products plus entertainment and historical tours. [www.wadsworthmansion.com](http://www.wadsworthmansion.com)

## The Inn at Middletown

Located in the newly renovated, historic National Guard Amory on Main Street, the Inn at Middletown offers 100 guest rooms and



Wesleyan Potters (Pottery piece by Tricia Hess)





suites, The Tavern at the Armory restaurant and lounge, meeting and banquet space, heated pool, fitness center and other amenities. The Inn is within walking distance of Middletown's many restaurants, shops, entertainment and Wesleyan University. [www.innatmiddletown.com](http://www.innatmiddletown.com)

### Lady Katharine Cruises

Two ships are available for wedding or private party charters and public cruises & events on the Connecticut River. Public cruises include Buffet Cruises, Murder Mystery parties, Comedy Cruises, Dinner/Dance Cruises, Sunset Jazz Cruises and more. Ships dock at Harbor Park Landing. [www.ladykatharinecruises.com](http://www.ladykatharinecruises.com)

## ARTS & CULTURE

### Middletown's Commission on the Arts

The arts are actively supported by the city government through Middletown's Commission on the Arts. This commission works to "encourage interest and participation in the arts by providing services, resources, information and events to and for artists, organizations and the general public." The commission keeps close contact with local and state arts and culture organizations. It also administers grants and publishes a monthly calendar featuring extensive information on Middletown's cultural events, performances and exhibitions.

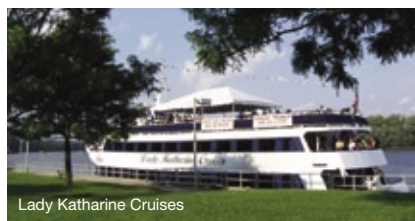
### The Green Street Arts Center

The Arts Center is a collaboration among the City of Middletown, community leaders and Wesleyan University. It was planned as a catalyst to revitalize the city's urban North End. It also enabled Wesleyan to share its rich and diverse arts programs with the city.

With more than 30 Teaching Artists plus 50 volunteers, the Green Street Arts Center offers programs, classes and events in visual arts, performing arts, media arts, music and literary arts plus after-school and early childhood programs. Arts education is open to the general public. [www.greenstreetartscenter.org](http://www.greenstreetartscenter.org)

### The Oddfellows Playhouse

Founded in 1975, the Playhouse offers theater productions and classes by and for children and young adults. Oddfellows is a nationally recognized theater with an



Lady Katharine Cruises

emphasis on multi-cultural programming, serving a diverse student body, and fostering creativity and artistic growth in the community. [www.oddfellows.org](http://www.oddfellows.org)

### Kidcity Children's Museum

A hands-on children's museum located in the historic 1835 Camp-Sterns House, which was moved and fully renovated to accommodate the museum in 1997. Built

Although Middletown is a small city, it has numerous natural resources, such as 8 miles of waterfront on the Connecticut River plus several smaller rivers and streams, a trap rock ridge, and 3,500 acres of open space purchased and preserved by the city.



for children ages 1 through 8 and their adult friends, Kidcity's goal is "to celebrate a child's natural curiosity" and to allow kids to learn through play. [www.kidcitymuseum.com](http://www.kidcitymuseum.com)

### Center for the Arts

Wesleyan University's Center for the Arts offers "world-class and cutting-edge arts experiences" to the public, such as art exhibitions, dance and theater performance and concerts. Wesleyan boasts a music hall, theater, cinema and several galleries, including the Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies, Davison Art Center and the Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery. [www.wesleyan.edu/cfa](http://www.wesleyan.edu/cfa)

### Wesleyan Potters

A non-profit cooperative guild that promotes learning and development skills in crafts. Classes are held throughout the year and include lectures, exhibits, demonstrations and films. Adults and children can take classes taught by qualified instructors in well-equipped studio spaces. [www.wesleyanpotters.com](http://www.wesleyanpotters.com)

### Buttonwood Tree

A non-profit arts center, bookstore & meeting place features numerous cultural events such as concerts, literary readings, art exhibitions, youth programs and more. This mostly volunteer & community-centered organization prides itself on "Presenting the underserved but well-deserved artists of our time." [www.buttonwood.org](http://www.buttonwood.org)

### Recreation

Downtown Middletown is a highly walkable area, with wide sidewalks, numerous crosswalks and diverse scenery. The city offers two "Middletown in Motion" brochure/maps featuring four short walks, including a Downtown Loop, a River Route and the Liberty Street & Pearl Loops.

Walking trails, including parts of the state's Blue Blazed trails, run through Middletown. Wadsworth Falls State Park is a popular place for hikers, mountain bikers, cross country skiers and fishermen; swimming with life-guard supervision is available in the summer. [www.cityofmiddletown.com](http://www.cityofmiddletown.com)

## Healthcare

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In 2005, Middlesex Hospital was named one of the 100 Top Hospitals in America by Solucient. The hospital is Connecticut's first Magnet hospital, a special status awarded by the American Nurses Association to recognize nursing excellence.

Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Middlesex Hospital is committed to providing excellence in healthcare and wellness services.

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## EDUCATION

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### The Middletown Public School

**T**he system consists of 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, a high school and an adult education program. The school system educates an ethnically and economically diverse population. A new high school building currently under construction should be completed for 2008. Additional special programs such as Vocational Agriculture, ESL, School-Business Partnerships, Upward Bound, Tech Prep and a variety of parent organizations are offered in addition to traditional academics, sports programs and other extracurricular activities.  
[www.middletownschoools.org](http://www.middletownschoools.org)

### Higher Education

• **Wesleyan University**, a prestigious liberal arts university, was founded in 1831 and has always been an integral part of Middletown's community. Today, Wesleyan educates a diverse population of 3,200 undergraduate and graduate students in over 44 major fields of study on a 290-acre campus.

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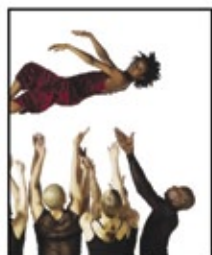
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